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Idaho Milk Production up 10.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2006 totaled 880 million pounds, a 10.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 16 million pounds from December 2005, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for December 2005 totaled 864 million pounds, down 4 million pounds from the preliminary estimate but 10.3 percent above December 2004. Average milk production per cow in January 2006 was 1,860 pounds, a 30 pound increase from December 2005 and January 2005. The average number of milk cows during January was 473,000 head, up 1,000 head from December 2005 and up 37,000 head from January 2005. The annual production of milk for the Idaho during 2005 was 10.2 billion pounds, 11.7 percent above 2004. Production per cow in Idaho averaged 22,332 pounds for 2005, 886 pounds above 2004 and 2,756 pounds above the national average. The average number of milk cows on farms in the Idaho during 2005 was 455,000 head, 31,000 head up from 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from January 2005. December production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from December 2004. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,711 pounds for January, 68 pounds above January 2005. The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.19 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2005, and 11,000 head more than December 2005.

The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2005 was 177 billion pounds, 3.5 percent above 2004. Production per cow in the U.S. averaged 19,576 pounds for 2005, 609 pounds above 2004. The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2005 was 9.04 million head, up 29,000 head from 2004.

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